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7 PRECISION GLASSWORKS, INC.,  
8 Plaintiff,  
9 v.  
10 ALI GHANNAM, et al.,  
11 Defendants.

12 Case No. 15-cv-03227-HSG  
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**ORDER IMPOSING SANCTIONS**

15 “Failure by counsel or a party to comply with any duly promulgated local rule or any  
16 Federal Rule may be a ground for imposition of any authorized sanction.” N.D. Cal. L-R 1-4.

17 In failing to appear at the initial case management conference held on October 13, 2015,  
18 Mr. Higginbotham was in clear violation of the Civil Local Rules for the Northern District of  
19 California. *See* Civil L.R. 16–10(a) (requiring lead trial counsel to attend the initial case  
20 management conference, absent excuse from the Court). Additionally, while Mr. Higginbotham  
21 claims he reached an agreement with Plaintiff’s counsel to continue the deadline for filing an  
22 answer, he failed to reduce that purported stipulation to writing and file it in accordance with  
23 Local Rule 6-1(a)’s requirement that stipulations extending time “be promptly filed” with the  
24 Court. On May 9, 2016, in response to the order to show cause, Defense counsel admitted that he  
25 “failed to consider the Local Rule[s]” and that it had not occurred to him to appear at the case  
26 management conference or file the stipulation. Dkt. No. 41.

27 Relying on the inherent authority to manage the Court’s docket and ensure the orderly  
28 disposition of this case, and for the reasons discussed at the April 28, 2016 hearing, IT IS

1 HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff's counsel is SANCTIONED for failing to comply with the  
2 local rules. Plaintiff's counsel is ORDERED to pay \$250 to the Clerk of the U.S. District Court  
3 on or before May 31, 2016. Plaintiff's counsel shall bear this sanction personally, and SHALL  
4 NOT bill Plaintiff for this \$ 250 sanction.

5 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

6 Dated: 5/16/2016

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9 HAYWOOD S. GILLIAM, JR.  
10 United States District Judge